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SUBJECT: CHINA AND THE USSR IN GOL FOREIGN POLICY

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1. MS. MARJON KAMARA, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 15 CONFIRMED THAT THE GOL "LEANS TOWARD PEKING", PUTTING GREATER VALUE ON ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC THAN WITH THE USSR. KAMARA NOTED THAT THE PRC PROVIDES PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOL IN THE AGRICULTURAL ARENA AND HAS PROMISED SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS STADIUM. SHE DESCRIBED SOVIET ASSISTANCE SCORNFULLY AS LIMITED TO "SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS." "ALL THE RUSSIANS WANT IS TO GET OUR STUDENTS WHERE THEY CAN INDOCTRINATE THEM", SHE SAID.

2. COMMENT: THE GOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA AND HAS
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SHOWN BY ITS ACTIONS A TENDENCY TO PLACE GREATER TRUST IN PRC INTENTIONS. AN EDITORIAL, PROBABLY OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED, IN THE LIBERIAN AGE JUNE 6 (REFTEL B) STATED "CHINA IS EMERGING AS AN ADVOCATE IN THE PEACEFUL REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLES OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES. SHE PREFERS TO GRANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES RATHER THAN ARMS FOR DESTABILIZATION. IT

WOULD DO AFRICANS WELL TO REACH OUT AND GRASP THIS
HAND.... AFRICA SHOULD THINK TWICE IN CHOOSING ITS
FRIENDS."
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